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Filing Date	November 16, 2001
First Named Inventor	Jess E. Croya
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Examiner Name	Madeline Gonzalez
Attorney Docket Number	Pay 001

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